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Re: Application of: Ronald STEVENS, et al.

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For: **IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELEATING TO
THE MANUFACTURE OF MOULDED
PRODUCTS****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX: PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 18, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application prior to examination as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please **cancel** claims ~~18~~ and ~~30~~.Please **amend** the pending **Article 34** claims as follows:

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7. (Amended) A part according to claim 2, in which the shaped member consisting of stabilised zirconia includes a surface having at least one protrusion arranged to form, in use, a corresponding recess or recesses in an article moulded using the part.
8. (Amended) A part according to claim 2, in which the shaped member consisting of stabilised zirconia includes a surface having at least one recessed region arranged to form, in use, a corresponding embossed region or regions on an article moulded using the part.